

WCGS NEWS  
AUGUST 1996

NEXT MEETING

Sunday August 18, 1996, 3 o'clock, at Scuppernong Church of Christ, north of Creswell. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Why not come a bit early and have time to stroll in the well-kept Churchyard, talk to old friends, and meet some new ones!

Program Chairman Virginia Haire has put together a program focusing on the local Clifton family, friends of many of us since childhood, and their ancestor , Stephen Clifton, who served in the North Carolina Union Volunteers. The program will include the unveiling of a "U.S." marker at the grave of Stephen in the Scuppernong churchyard. The history of this stone, and its appearance at our meeting , makes an interesting story.

Harry Lewis Thompson will speak on the enticements for local young men to cast their lot with the Union, rather than to follow their neighbors into the Confederate service.

Shirleyan Phelps tells us:"If you are descended from the Clifto<sup>n</sup> or related lines, please bring your family data to share. A computer and printer will be available for printing group sheets and you can bring a 3.5 formatted floppy (high density)for copying files for your own computer".

GET WELL, RONNIE

We recently learned that fellow-member Ronnie Comstock has been hospitalized. We are relieved to learn, from his pastor, that he is now home, and attended church today(August 11).

Ronnie, you will recall, has both Confederate and Union ancestors, and has shared information on them for some of our Journals. We hope he will be able to be at our next meeting.

ATWOOD

I'm sorry that I can't give an up-date on Atwood Iavenport, who had surgery last month. Will have the latest at next meeting. We hope that he can be with us.

Atwood is trying to find information on one Samuel Davenport, believed to have served in the Union forces. If you can help, please do; what a nice get-well gift that would be!

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Shirleyan Phelps took pity on my plea for typing assistance. And I do appreciate it. But, due to my habitual procrastination, I find myself putting the NEWS together just hours before it and the Journal are taken to the printers. So, no chance of taking advantage of Shirleyan's kind offer. Next time, hopefully.

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PETTIGREW PAPERS

Talked to Ms. Donna Kelly at the Preservation workshop in Gatesville, a few weeks ago. Ms. Kelly is with the Historic Publications Section of N.C. Archives. She said that others have asked for early consideration of the PAPERS, and that she will convey our concern. She advised us to write to:

Joe Mobley, Administrator  
Historical Publications Section  
Division of Archives & History  
100 East Jones Street  
Raleigh 27601-2807

CEMETERY SURVEY

Ms. Debbie Blake, the new coordinator of the State Cemetery Survey, will be with us at our September meeting. Be thinking of any questions that you may have for Ms Blake. If you have cemetery slides or photos that you'd like to show, please contact Virginia Haire or Ed Norman. More on this in the next NEWS.

## THE "OR"

As it seems unlikely that our Board of Directors will be able to meet this week, we will probably not vote on Society sponsorship of a "community" effort to purchase the "Official Records" as a gift to our library until September. We would like the <sup>a</sup>Board's recommendations before voting.

Without having begun formal solicitations, we continue to receive some pledges. Harry Thompson has volunteered to take the proposed project to various Sons of Confederate Veterans chapters. The beauty of this project is that it should appeal equally to all of us, regardless of the color of our uniforms or our faces. The "OR" has something for everyone!

Valerie Hiatt, Director of the Albemarle Regional Library, was a "classmate" at the Gatesville workshop. She said that Albemarle bought the set, for the library at Winton, with "library funds". That, of course, was several years ago, when public funding was not as tight as it is today.

GIRKIN

Harry, at Port O'Plymouth, says that the Museum was recently given a History of the Girkin Family(that may not be the exact title). I don't recall the name of the gentleman who published, and donated, it, but was pleased to see that it was researched by our fellow member Jane Stubbs Bailey, who we know to be a researcher of note. I suggest that we consider this for purchase---assuming that it is for sale. More later, as we learn more details.

THANKS FOR LETTING US KNOW, PHIL

We had a note from fellow member Phil Coulter today. His April Journal Journal arrived sans all but the back cover. Replacement will be in the mail tomorrow, Phil.

We have "sweated" the April mailing. Our publisher(printer, I mean) in Greenville was having what the kids would call a "bad hair day"; and , among other things, too-short staples were used on a lot of copies. Some were mailed before I realized the seriousness of the problem. The rest were taken back for re-stapeling. The printer swears it won't happen again. If any other of you received an incomplete Journal, please let your Editor know. Replacement--at no cost to you.

Announcements

Scuppernong River Festival, PO Box 449, Columbia, NC 27925, has published BRIDGING GENERATIONS. Tyrrell's Past, Present, and Future. The book will be unveiled at the Scuppernong River Festival in October. History, folklore, goasts, old remedies; "a great coffee table book". \$22.00 to the above address. And don't forget the Festival! On Festival Day, Columbia is a fun-mix of Disneyland and the Smithsonian!

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Family Research Society, Rt 1 Box 159, Belvidere, NC 27919 presents GENEALOGY and HISTORY: The Basics of Research, Part IV. Virginia Dare Bldg, Elizabeth City, Saturday October 12, 1996. Speakers from NC Archives, Old Dominion U., and Charlton W. Roundtree, Quaker researcher and local historian. \$12.00/person; \$6.50 lunch, to above address, with address, phone, and surname list before 20 September.

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See map in this issue for directions to Scuppernong Church. You may ignore the penciled "Tornado" route of 11/7/88; no tornado is expected on our meeting day. Of course, we don't guarantee that. Your editor, a native of Creswell, can attest that anything can happen in Scuppernong Township--and probably will. But can you think of a safer place to be, than Scuppernong Church?

AUGUST JOURNAL

When we asked Roxie Lay for an article on her granddad, Jacob Spier, we had a hunch that she would "delegate" to Daughter, Brenda Crowley. Of course she did: quickly, efficiently, and with happy results. Our thanks to both of them. We regret that the pictures defied repeated efforts of our scanner, and are a bit "wavey". Our thanks to Phyllis Davenport for lending her originals of the Mountain Hill house(see inside back cover).

We acknowledge that Betsey Modlin's Latham article appeared, some months ago, in Beaufort County's "Pamlico Tracings". We have had Betsey's article since last November, but August was our first chance to use it.

## FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Husband's Code .....  
Wife's Code .....

**HUSBAND'S NAME** SPIER, Jacob  
**Date of Birth** 13 November 1820 (2) **Place** Germany  
**Date of Death** 28 October 1882 (2) **Place** Washington County, North Carolina  
**Present Address (or) Place of Burial** Mt. Hill Cemetery, Washington County, North Carolina  
**His Father** His Mother's Maiden Name  
**Date of Marriage of HUSBAND and WIFE on this sheet** 14 July 1859 (2) **Place** Washington County, NC  
Check here if there was another marriage: By husband  By Wife  Was this couple divorced? Yes  No  When?  
**WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME** Ann Elizabeth WOODLEY (Use separate sheet for each marriage)  
**Date of Birth** 15 October 1836 (2) (8) **Place** North Carolina  
**Date of Death** 3 April 1900 (2) **Place** Washington County, N.C.  
**Present Address (or) Place of Burial** Mt. Hill Cemetery, Washington County, N.C.  
**Her Father** Bailey Woodley (2) (8) **Her Mother's Maiden Name** Charlotte (? Long ?)

Items of interest about the above couple (occupations, hobbies, achievements; social, civil, and political activities; physical descriptions—include photos possible; military service; cause of death):

Note: Birth dates for children were taken from the Jacob Spier Family Bible. St. David's birth dates do not always match the bible dates. Likewise, tombstone dates may give a 3rd date of birth in some cases.

Use reverse side for additional information

Have family sheet		CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	Code	Birth Information	Death Information	Marriage Information
✓	1	(2)(4)(11) Matilda Ann	ON AT	21. April 1860 (2) Washington Co, NC	1913 (9) .....	3. Feb. 1881 TO Demetrius Spruill
✓	2	(2)(4) "Puss" Charlotte Louise	ON AT	20. Jan. 1862 (2) Washington Co, NC	.....	6. March 1881 TO John (Johnny) Davis
✓	3	(2)(4)(11) Mary Ann	ON AT	5. April 1864 (2) Washington Co, NC	30. Jan. 1923 (9) Washington Co, NC	11. Dec. 1884 TO Joseph Burgess
✓	4	(2)(4)(11) Bailey	ON AT	30. Jan. 1866 (2) Washington Co, NC	1945 .....	20. July 1902 TO Crette Allen
✓	5	(2)(4)(11) Martha Jane	ON AT	31. March 1868 (2) Washington Co, NC	1943 (9) .....	Jimmy Spruill

Check here if there are additional children

Footnoting. To substantiate the information recorded on this page, please use the footnotes listed below. One of these numbers should be placed in the circ next to each answer on the questionnaire. If you got the information from a source not listed, place that source on a vacant line and use the numb

Use (1) only if you have filled in the blank from personal knowledge (such as the name of your brother). If you must look up his marriage date, give the source wherever you looked it up. If you asked him, give his name as the source.

(1) Name and address of person filling in this sheet.

Date 25 Jan. 1994

Brenda Crowley

- (2) Spier/Spear Family Bible, printed 1872.
- (3) Washington County Marriage Records - LDS Film # 0020088
- (4) Will of Jacob Spear, dated 17 Oct. 1882 - Washington Co, NC
- (5) Washington Co, N.C. Index to Vital Statistics - Death Records - LDS Film # 056484
- (6) " " Marriage Records, LDS Film # 0564846
- (7) Tyrrell Co, NC Marriages 1851-1868 + 1877-1909 - Betty M. Kilday
- (8) Bailey Woodley Family Bible, printed 1853.

Have family sheet		CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	Code	Birth Information	Death Information	Marriage Information
✓	6	"Kent" Corintha Caroline	(2) (4) (11)	ON 2 April 1870 (15) (2) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 1904 AT Washington Co, NC	ON 17 March 1901 TO Lloyd Spruill
✓	7	Jacob	(2) (4) (11)	ON 14 July 1872 (16) (2) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 25 July 1917 (5) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 1 July 1897 TO Ann Elizabeth (9th) m, Ann Lizer Larkenton
✓	8	Abraham	(2) (4) (11)	ON 1 Sept. 1874 (10) (2) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 15 May 1934 (5) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 15 May 1904 TO Luquitta Garfield Oliver
✓	9	Benjamin F.	(2) (4) (11)	ON 25 March 1877 (2) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 26 March 1945 (5) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 27 April 1902 TO Bessie E. Alexander
✓	10	Isac (Isaac) I	(2) (4) (11)	ON 29 Dec. 1879 (2) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 8 Jan 1969 (2) AT Washington Co, NC	ON 3 June 1907 (2) 1906 TO Harriet (Hattie) Oliver
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FOOTNOTES: Child #7, Jacob m, Bessie Phelps

(9) Mt. Hill Cemetery, Washington Co, NC - Tombstone Inscription

(10) St. David's Parish Register

(11) 1880 Census, Washington Co, NC

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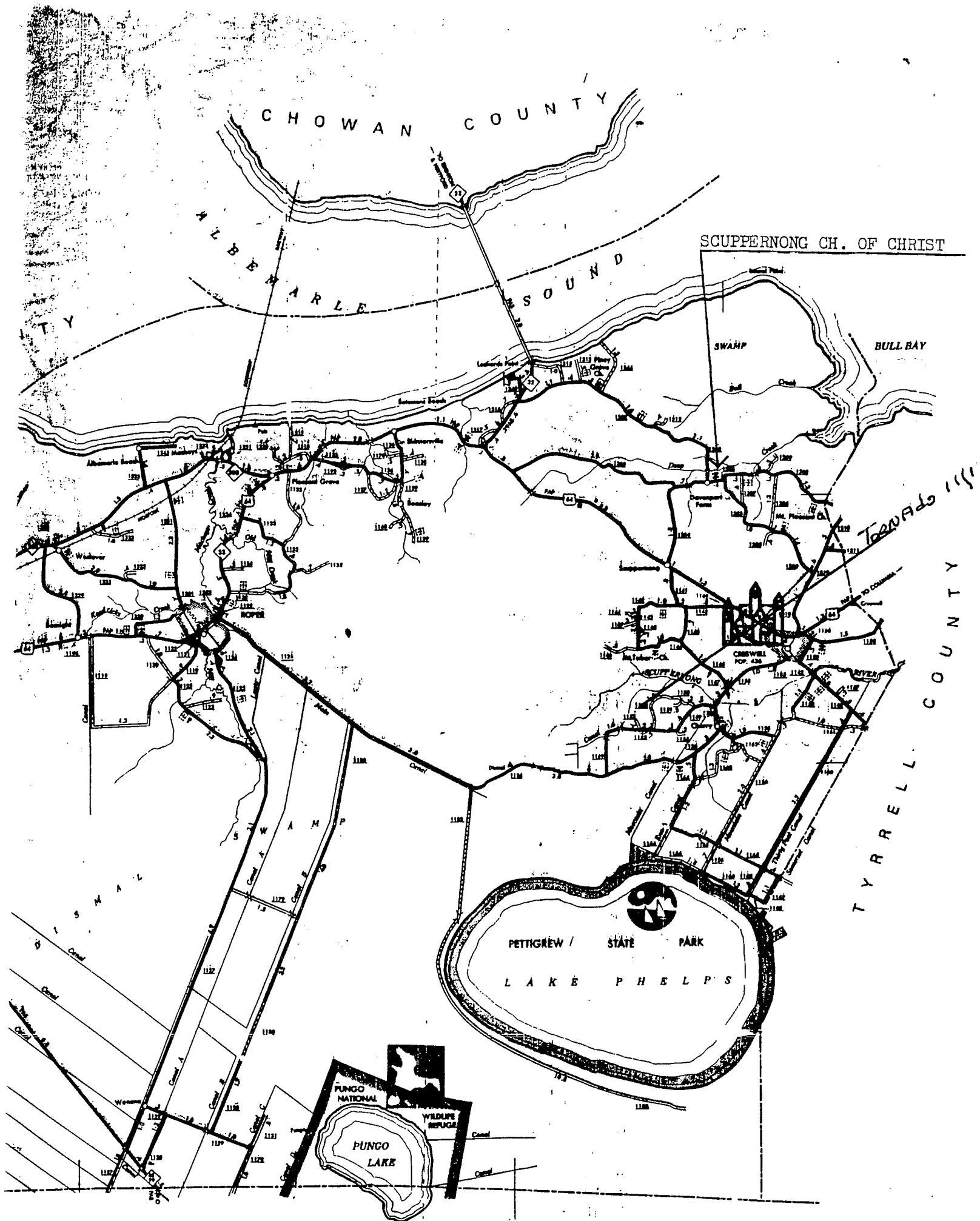
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